

ASUOGYAMAN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAP	-Annual Action Plan
ACPID	-Agricultural Commodity Processing Infrastructure Development
ADA	-Asuogyaman District Assembly
AIDS	-Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APR	-Annual Progress Report
BAC	-Business Advisory Centre
BDS	- Business Development Services
BECE	-Basic Education Certificate Examination
CBO	-Community Based Organization
DACF	-District Assembly Common Fund
DAs	-District Assembly
DDF	-District Development Fund
DMTDP	-District Medium – Term Development Plan
DPCU	-District planning coordinating Unit
GSGDA I	-Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda 1
GSGDA II	-Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda 2
HIPC	-Highly Indebted Poor Country
HIV	-Human Immune –Deficiency Virus
LEAP	-Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty
M&E	-Monitoring and Evaluation
MDAs	-Ministries, Department and Agencies
MDGs	-Millennium Development Goals
NADMO	-National Disaster Management Organization
NBSSI	-National Board for Small Scale Industries
NDPC	-National Development Planning Commission
NGO	-Non-Governmental Organization
PoA	-Programme of Action
RCCs	-Regional Coordinating Council
STME	-Science Technology Mathematics and Education Clinic
VRA	-Volta River Authority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With Section 12 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 2016, Act 936 stating making district assemblies “responsible for the overall development of the district”, Asuogyaman District Assembly is enjoined by law to enhance rapid development of their area and ensure prudent management of resources through effective planning and implementation of well thought-out projects and programmes. The planning process is however not complete without an equally effective monitoring and evaluation regime. This report is the end product of the monitoring process that tracked the implementation of the 2016 Annual Action Plan of the Asuogyaman District Assembly. The report is divided into three main chapters of different components.

Chapter one consists of a background to the report, a brief profile of the District in terms of location and boundaries, size, population and notable landmarks. According to the 2010 Population and Housing Census, the District has a population of 98,046 out of which 47,030 are male and 51,010 are female. It is the seat of important national infrastructure and architectural landmarks such as the country’s largest hydroelectric dam, the Suspension Bridge over the Volta Lake at Adomi, the inland port at Akosombo etc. In effect, the profile affirms the District as the choice destination as far as tourism is concerned. The chapter also indicates the Monitoring and Evaluation objectives of the year as well as the processes involved and challenges faced in the preparation of the report. A summary of the achievements and strategies in the implementation of the 4-year medium term development plan is then followed by a detailed analysis of the level of implementation of the Annual Action Plan for 2016 which puts the performance of the District at 94%, inclusive of partially implemented projects.

Chapter two opens with the status of physical projects detailing their award dates, expected completion dates, contractors and contract sums, as well as payment made and outstanding payments. Even though some of those projects have been completed and handed over, they are still presented owing outstanding funds to be paid to the contractors involved. This is followed by a synopsis of activities carried out by the various departments and agencies of the Assembly notable among which is the income and expenditure situation of the Assembly from the Finance Department. The consistent decline in IGF mobilization of the last three years raises the most concern under this section. The chapter ends with a look at some core indicators demanded by the National Development Planning Commission to feed into the national progress report. In this particular case, only the Department of Education is featured.

The last chapter takes a look at the issues that have been addressed and those yet to be addressed as well as the way forward for the period ahead.

It is strongly envisaged that, with improvement in the mobilization of Internally Generated Funds and the pursuit of vigorous Local Economic Development (LED) strategies, the Assembly should be able to make great strides in the development of the District.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Section 12 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 2016, Act 936 summarizes the functions of a District Assembly as “responsible for the overall development of the district”. This is an affirmation of what was contained in Section 10 (3) (a) Local Government Act 1993, Act 462 which was replaced by the Act 936. Over the years, one of the major tools the Assembly have employed to fulfil this mandate has been the formulation and implementation of District Medium Term Development Plans as enjoined by section 2(1) of the National Development Planning (systems) Act, 1994, Act 480.

In view of the above, the Asuogyaman District Assembly formulated into a District Medium Term Development Plan (2014-2017), based on extensive stakeholder consultative arrangements, to come out with projects and programmes meant to address identified development gaps and meet the aspirations of people within specific communities and institutional set-ups over the four year period. Subsequently Annual Action Plans were prepared to guide each year’s implementation.

The end of December, 2016 marked the three years of Implementation of the DMTDP (2014-2017). As part of measures to realize the objectives of the AAP and to ensure value for money in the implementation of the plan, a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework was put in place to assess the level of project and programme implementation and the extent to which specified targets are met within a stipulated time frame. This report takes a look at the third year implementation of the plan, thus the 2016 Annual Action Plan.

1.2 District Profile

The Asuogyaman District is located approximately between latitudes 6° 34' N and 6° 10' N and longitudes 0° 1' W and 0°14'E. It is about 120m above Mean Sea Level (MSL). It covers a total estimated surface area of 1,507 sq. km, constituting 5.7 percent of the total area of the Eastern Region. The District has a population of 98,046 out of which 47,030 are male and 51,010 are female. The population density of the district has increased over the years. In 1970, it was 15 persons per square kilometer and 37, 53 and 49 persons per square kilometer for 1984, 1996, and 2000 respectively the 2010 population density is 65 persons per square kilometer.

Afram Plains South District borders the district to the north and the Upper and Lower Manya districts to the west and south respectively. Asuogyaman is a traditional district situated between the Volta and Eastern Regions. It shares borders to the east with Kpando, North Dayi, Ho and the North Tongu Districts of the Volta Region.

Population Size and Distribution (urban/rural)

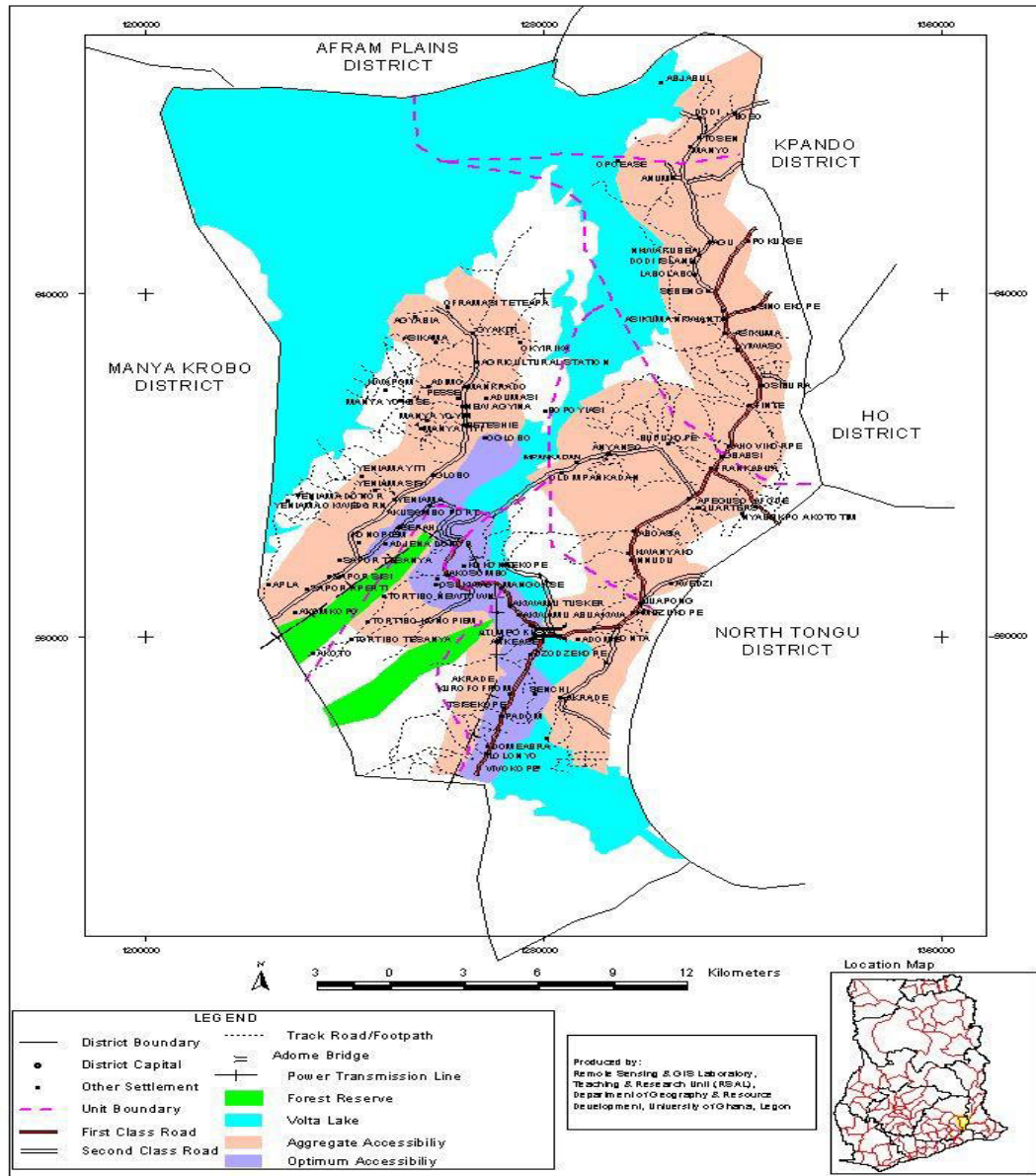
From table 2.1, about 70 percent of the total population of the Asuogyaman District reside in the rural area. Out of a population of 98,788, 46.9 percent of them are males while the remaining are females. This total represent 2.5 percent of the regional urban population and a sex ratio of 88.2 meaning that for every 88 males you have a corresponding 100 females or there are 12 percent more females than males. In the rural areas the sex ratio stands at 93.8 meaning that there are 6.2 % more females than males.

The district is a seat of important national infrastructure and architectural landmarks. These are;

1. The country's largest hydro electric dam which provides electricity for the nation and for export to Togo and Ivory Coast.
2. The Suspension Bridge over the Volta at Adomi which links the eastern parts of the country with the Volta region.
3. The inland port at Akosombo which facilitates transportation of goods and people to and from Akosombo and the northern regions of the country.
4. The petroleum depot located at Adomi to facilitate pumping of oil from Tema oil refinery to the Inland Port for subsequent transmission to the North.

5. Natural landscape for the development of tourism

Figure 1.1: Asuogyaman District Map



1.3 The key M&E objectives for the year are 2016:

- ❖ To enhance coordination of development activities at all levels
- ❖ To monitor the progress of development at scheduled times
- ❖ To periodically appreciate challenges and successes in the development process
- ❖ Assess the level of participation of key stakeholders in the development process including identifiable groups, institution and communities
- ❖ Ensure transparency, accountability and efficient use of resources for development
- ❖ Share M&E information with stakeholders

1.4 Processes involved in the preparation and Difficulties Encountered

The progress report preparation process was preceded by a sequence of engagements with stakeholders and heads of department on the progress of their respective sectors.

It must however be pointed out that the monitoring of the AAP in the District is often associated with some challenges which hinder its successful implementation. Some of those challenges include:

- A shallow appreciation of the key role of M&E in the overall fulfilment of the mandate of the District Assembly
- Inadequate capacity of personnel for M &E activities
- Lack of appropriate logistics for performing M&E activities in the District.
- Limited financial resources for effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the AAP

1.5 Summary of achievements and challenges with the implementation of the DMTDP

In July 2016, a mid-term review of the District Medium Term Development Plan (2014-2017) conducted. The exercise revealed that out of a total of **96** projects and activities **49** activities representing **51%** were fully implemented. **24** projects and activities representing **25%** were partially implemented while **23** representing **24%** were not implemented. In effect, 24% of planned activities did not see the light of day.

Some of the challenges identified to have hindered a smoother implementation of the Plan included low IGF generation, inadequate funds from Central Government, lack of effective monitoring and supervision etc.

1.6 Challenges with the implementation of the DMTDP

The following challenges cut across departments in almost all their reports over the last three years:

- ❖ Lack of effective collaboration with other departments
- ❖ Inadequate Logistic
- ❖ Inadequate funding
- ❖ Inadequate residential accommodation for staff
- ❖ Delays in releasing funds for projects/activities
- ❖ Uncooperative attitude of some
- ❖ Inadequate vehicles and motorbikes for official duties

1.7 Status of implementation of the 2016 Annual Action Plan

The table below gives a cursory picture of the extent to which the 2016 AAP of the Assembly was implemented under each of the five (5) thematic area. Out of a total of 87 planned activities and programmes, 82 were implemented. It must however be noted that some of those activities, programmes and projects were only partially implemented. The 94% implementation therefore implies that 94% of planned activities and projects, on the average, received a fairly good attention from the Assembly and its collaborators or stakeholder.

Table 1.1: Summary of AAP Implementation

No.	Thematic Area	Total no. of activities/ programmes	Number implemented	Number not implemented	% of implementation
1	Enhancing Competitiveness in Ghana's Private Sector	8	6	2	75%
2	Agric. Modernization & Natural Resource Mgt.	19	19	0	100%
3	Infrastructure and Human Settlement Dev't	16	16	0	100%
4	Human Dev't, Productivity and Employment	23	22	1	96%
5	Transparent and Accountable Governance	21	19	2	90%
	TOTAL	87	82	5	94%

2016 can safely be said to be one of the most successful years in terms of the implementation of the District Medium Term Development Plan and the fact that it was a year of political accountability in terms of Presidential and Parliamentary elections cannot be overlooked as one of the factors that was likely to have accounted for the high implementation rate. This is further evident in the timely release of the District Assemblies' Common Fund, perhaps until the last quarter of the year.

Another fact to note is that, the implementation of some of those projects began in the previous years and only saw their completion in 2016. Furthermore, a good number of the activities also constitute routine operations of the Assembly and its departments and agencies that are not necessary capital intensive and therefore much easier to implement. The detailed status of implementation is spelt out in the table below.

Table 1.2 : Status of Implementation of AAP

Enhancing Competitiveness in Ghana's Private Sector

Goal:											
Policy Objective: Expand opportunities for job creation											
Projects	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	indicator	Funding Source	Status of implementation		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th						
Organization of workshop to educate SMEs in various business areas	District wide					6000.00	No: of SMEs educated	GOG	408 business owners benefitted from various training programmes		
Train 300 youth in demand driven vocational and agro processing skills	District wide					20,000	No. of youth trained	GOG	345 youth were recruited and trained under various modules of youth employment programme 32 females benefitted from baking & flour confectionery training		
Facilitating access to credit facilities to support 50 people in medium and small scale enterprise	District wide					2,000	No. of beneficiaries reached	GOG	30 female caregivers supported with start-up capital at Atimpoku		
Establish 1 market	Combine					42,000.00	No. of markets operational	GOG	Not implemented		
Provide support for Rural Enterprise Projects	District wide					20,000.00	No. and type of support given	GOG	BAC supported in undertaking trainings and workshops		
Revamp abandoned farms and other installations in the district	Selected communities					20,000.00	No. of farms revamped	GOG	Proposal Written to get investors. Decision taken by General Assembly to seek authorization from the Divestiture Implementation Committee.		
Establishment of Tourism Reception	Akrade					100,000	Information center established	GOG	Not implemented		
Promote research and innovation to enhance job creation	District wide					8,000.00	Research conducted	IGF	20 females supported with soap cutting equipment and were also trained in packaging their products		

Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Sustainable Natural Resource Management

Policy Objective : Increase access to extension services and re-orientation of agriculture education									
	Location	Time frame (quarter) 201				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Organization of bi-annual training workshops for farmers on mechanized and productive methods of farming (eg application of fertilizers)	District Wide					12,000	No. of farmers reached	GOG	A total of 8,738 farmers made up of 5,733 males 3,005 females benefitted from various trainings in the year
Provision of subsidized viable seeds, seedlings and other inputs to farmers.	District Wide					40,000	Types and quantity of inputs provided	GOG	
Conduct 162 field days for farmer beneficiaries in improved maize, cassava, plantain	District wide					250,000	No. of Field days conducted	GOG	
Train 2500 farmers on post-harvest technology	District wide					8,000	No. of Farmers trained	GOG	
Train groups in the use and maintenance of irrigation equipment	District wide					9,000	No. of Groups trained	GOG	
Train 2000 farmers on grasscutter/snail production	District wide					40000	No. of Farmers trained	GOG	
Train 100 livestock farmers on improve housing and proper feeding	District wide					35000	No. of Livestock farmers trained	GOG	
Vaccinate 6000 small ruminants against scheduled diseases	District wide					12000	No. of Ruminants vaccinated	GOG	
Vaccinate 5000 local poultry against Newcastle disease etc	District wide					12000	No. of Poultry vaccinated	GOG	10,000 and 8,000 poultry were vaccinated against Newcastle and fowl pox diseases respectively

Anti-rabies vaccination for dogs and cats	District wide					10,000	No. of Dogs and Cats vaccinated	GOG	500 dogs and 60 cats were vaccinated against rabies
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Policy Objective: Develop an effective domestic market

	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Facilitate groups to acquire irrigation equipment and accessories	District wide					8,000.00	No. of Irrigational equipment acquired and groups benefiting	GOG	An FBO has been successfully formed and has been animated to become equipped to undertake irrigation farming. It was partially funded by 4-H, an NGO. The group is now undertaking a 5-acre tomato farm. At Gyakiti
Organize 6 monthly technical review meetings	ADA					16,000	No. of Review meetings organized	GOG	8 monthly meetings held
Organize one (1) district farmer's day celebration	Selected community					40,000	Farmer's day organised	GOG	Farmer's day organized at Apeguso

Policy Objective: Promote aquaculture development

Support aquaculture development	District Wide					80,000	No. of farms supported	IGF / Donor	A Lake Mgt. and Agric. and Tourism Sub-committees have been formed by the Assembly to address challenges facing aquaculture and agric. in general
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Policy Objective: Reverse forest and Land Degradation									
Activity	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Organization of annual educational campaign on bush fire and environmental conservation and bye-laws	District wide					8000	No. of Educational campaigns organised	GOG	7 Radio sensitization programmes on environmental conservation, bush fires and bye-laws carried out at Asuogyaman FM and Bridge FM
Formation of local community fire volunteers in every community	District wide					10000	No. of community fire volunteers formed	GoG	One volunteer group formed, while 8 existing ones were strengthened with training and logistics
Organize tree planting exercises in the Volta gorge area	20 selected communities					22,000	No. of Trees planting exercise organized	GOG	Trees planted at the Akwamu gorge area by Akwamu Gorge Conservation Project. VRA also planted several hectors of trees
Policy Objective: Enhance capacity to adapt to climate change impacts									
Organize sensitization programme on disaster awareness during world disaster day	Selected community					18,000.00	No. of awareness programmes organised	GOG	12 Sensitization programmes organised at community announcement centres and radio stations
Provide support for disaster management in the district	District wide					30,000.00		GOG / IGF	NADMO office supported to enhance management of disasters. Example was the heavy flooding that occurred in Akosombo and its environs in 2016

Infrastructure energy and human settlement

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Streamline spatial and land use planning system									
	Location	Time frame (quarter)				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		2016	1 st	2 nd	3 rd				
Rehabilitate selected existing town drains	District wide					50,000	Length of Drains rehabilitated	Donor	200m U-drain constructed at Afabeng, 100m blk. drain constructed at Osukwao 80m drain constructed at Dzidzorkope
Organize annual educational campaigns on building regulation	District Wide					5,000	No. Campaigns organised	IGF	4 educational campaigns on building regulation held at Akwamufie, Senchi, Anum and Gyakiti
Develop settlement layout for settlements	Selected communities					40,000	No. of Layouts developed	GoG/IGF	5settlement schemes completed at Asikuma sector I, 2,3,4&5 Update of existing layouts of Ankyease, Mangoase and Anum ongoing
Implement the street naming and property numbering programme	District-wide					50,000	No. of Streets and properties named and numbered	GoG/IGF	Coalition of street names of 3 communities namely Asikuma, Anum and Boso completed
Install street lights in selected communities	District wide					30,000	No. of street lights and accessories supplied	IGF	85 street lights installed
Construct and reshape of 80km of feeder roads	District wide					150,000	Length of Roads constructed	GOG/IGF	Construction done from Dodi asantekrom to Gyemini, Assembly residency road, and marine to Gyakiti Reshaping done from Pupuni to Totibo and from Anum to Peki feeder road

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Accelerate the provision of adequate, safe and affordable water									
Water and Sanitation Activities	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Construct small town water system	Selected communities					30,000	Small town water system constructed	Donor	3 systems constructed at Fintey, Frankadua and Old Akraide in collaboration with Safe Water Network
Construct 5 boreholes in selected communities	Selected communities					70,000	No. of Boreholes constructed	GOG/Donor	4 boreholes constructed at Osukwa, Pupuni, Tototite and Anyaase
Renovate existing pipes and borehole facilities in the district	District wide					30,000	No. of Pipe borne and boreholes renovated	GOG/IGF	Rehabilitated borehole at Manya Yoyem and Anum
Monitor and Evaluate water and sanitation facilities	ADA					10,000	No. of DWST meetings organized	GOG/IGF	Implemented by DWST and community development
Train WATSAN committee on maintenance and resource management.	District Wide					15,000	No. of WATSANCs trained	GOG	3 WATSAN committees from Fintey, Frankadua and old Akraide trained under Safe Water Network
Extend pipe borne water to selected urban communities in the district.	District wide					50,000	No. of communities connected	Donor	On-going under Ghana Water Company and individual households

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Accelerate the provision of improved environmental sanitation facilities									
	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Construct 2 No. 8 Seater WC toilet facilities in selected communities	Selected communities					250,000	No. of WC toilet facilities provided	GOG/Donor	Two facilities completed and commissioned at Kudikope and Sedom 59 household VIP latrines constructed in various communities
Organize of quarterly clean-up campaigns in communities in the district	District Wide					40,000	No. of successful Clean-up campaigns organized	IGF	12 National sanitation day celebrations organised
Rehabilitate 6 No. public toilet facilities in the district	Selected communities					60,000	No. of Public toilets rehabilitated	GOG/IGF	Dzidzorkope aqua privy toilets converted to biogas plant
Purchase of sanitary equipment and logistics	ADA					15,000	No. of Sanitary tools purchased	GOG	350 litter bins, wheel burrows. Wellington boots, pick axes, liquids soups, and detergents purchased

Human Development, Productivity and Employment

Policy Objective: Increase inclusive and equitable access to, and participation in education at all levels									
Activities	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Construct 5 new KG blocks and ancillary facilities	Selected communities					600,000	No. of schools constructed and in use	GOG/Donor	4 KG Blocks completed at Pupuni, Sapor, Kudikope and Mpamproase in collaboration with the Pencils of Promise
Construct 5 no. 6 unit classroom block with office and store	Selected communities					900,000.00	No. of schools constructed	GOG	On-going with 60% at Anyaase, 15% at Senchi, 40% at Torsen, 70% Sedom

Construct 5 no. 3 unit JHS classroom block with office and store	Selected communities					600,000	No. of classroom blocks constructed	GOG	50% complete at Sapor Yiti
Construct 5 no. 4 semi-detached teachers bungalows for selected schools	Selected communities					300,000	No. of teachers bungalows constructed	GOG	On-going with status of 60% completed at Sedom, and 95% completed at Kudikope
Construct Dormitory for Apeguso and Adjena Senior High School	Apeguso, Adjena					400,000	Dormitory at Apeguso constructed	GOG	On-going under GETFund project
Construct a Dining Hall	Apeguso, Adjena					250,000	Dining hall for Apeguso constructed	GOG	On-going under GETFund project
Construct an Administration block	Apeguso, Adjena					180,000	Administration block constructed	Donor	On-going under GETFund project
Procurement of 1000 desk for schools.	Selected needy schools					100,000	No. of Dual desk procured	GOG	100 dual desks distributed, and KG furniture supplied to three schools

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Improve quality of teaching and learning									
Activities	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Organize 1 district Mock examinations annually in all JHS and SHS	District wide					8,500	District mock organize annually in the district	GOG	2 mock exams conducted to the required WAEC standards
Intensify monitoring of teaching and learning by circuit supervisors in the district	District wide					10,000	No. of monitoring visits conducted	GOG	Implemented
Provide scholarship to well deserving students	District wide					20,000	No. of students provided with scholarship	GOG	7 students made up of 5 females and 2 males sponsored by VRA, 28 PWDs made up of 17 male and 11 female supported by the Assembly
Support district participation in STME	District wide					5,000	No. of pupils	GOG	Implemented

clinic							supported		
Organise district award scheme for best teachers annually in the district	District wide					30,000.00	District award scheme created for best teachers	GOG	Not implemented
Provide counterpart funding for NGO/ Corporate sector interventions in education	District wide					20,000.00		GOG/IGF	GH90,000.00 provided to support the construction of 3-unit classroom block and KVIPs by the Pencils of Promise

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Ensure the reduction of diseases including HIV & AIDS/STIs infections, especially among the vulnerable									
Activities	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Coordinate HIV and AIDS activities in the District	District wide					40,000	HIV/ AIDS awareness campaign organised annually	GOG	DAC conducted several activities including meeting with Imams, outreach program on Idr Ftir day, World AIDs day among others
Construct and complete 5 new health facilities in selected communities	Selected communities					700,000	No. of health facilities constructed	GOG/Don or	Survey line completed, Mangoase at 50% complete, Fintey at 80% complete
Construct phase 1 of District Hospital						200,000	Phase one of hospital completed		Phase 1 completed and handed over

Rehabilitate existing health facilities	District wide					30,000.00	No. of facilities rehabilitated	GOG/IGF/Donor	Senchi Ferry and Aboasa CHPS underwent rehabilitations	
Support the District vaccination exercise	District wide					5,000.00		GOG	Over 2500 vaccinated against various diseases	
Policy Objective: Make social protection more effective in targeting the poor and the vulnerable										
Activities	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation	
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th					
Organize seminar on good parenting	District wide					5,200	Seminar organised	GOG	A total of 589 people attended made up of 122males, 467 females	
Provide support for orphans and vulnerable children	District wide					10,000	Data collected	GOG/Donor	Implemented	
Support Persons with Disability	District wide					100,000.00	No. of PWDs Supported	GOG	A total of 144 PWDs were supported financially comprising 85males and 49 females	
Organise 2 forum on child abuse	Selected communities					6,000	No. of forums organised	IGF	1,959 made up of 741males 1,218 females attended the forums	

TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

Goal:										
Policy Objective: Ensure effective and efficient resource mobilization, internal revenue generation and resource management										
	Location	Time frame (quarter) 2016				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation	
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th					
Update revenue database	ADA					10,000	Revenue database updated	GOG	Implemented	

Equip revenue collectors with logistics	ADA				5,000	Revenue collectors equipped	IGF	Not Implemented
Conduct routine maintenance of office equipment and other properties	ADA				100,000	Equipment maintained	GOG	Implemented
Organize annual capacity building workshop for assembly members and area councillors on their roles	ADA				30,000	No. of staff trained	GOG	Capacity building training conducted for area council members
Provide support for staffs capacity					50,000	No. of Staff sponsored	GOG/Donor	Two training programmes organized for staff. One staff support to train at GIMPA
Procure office equipment and other logistics for	ADA				50,000	Logistics procured	GOG/IGF	3 Laptops and other logistics procured
Carry out routine monitoring and evaluation of Development project	District wide				40,000	M&E exercises conducted	GOG/IGF	Implemented
Prepare Medium term plan, annual action plans, Composite Budget and reports	ADA				60,000	2010 annual action plan prepared	GOG/IGF	Implemented
Organize General Assembly, management and other committee meetings	ADA				100,000	No. meetings organised	IGF	Implemented
Carry out routine maintenance on Assembly bungalows	District wide				80,000	No. Bungalows maintained	GOG/IGF	Bungalows of the Circuit Court Judge and DCE maintained
Construct staff bungalow	Afebeng				40,000.00	No. of bungalows constructed	GOG	Completed
Maintain official vehicles	ADA				50,000.00	No. of vehicles maintained	GOG	Implemented
Organize public forum on the budget and tax obligations	ADA				15,000.00	No. of fora organized	GOG	Implemented
Organization of refresher training for revenue collectors	ADA				6000.00	Refresher training organized	GOG	Implemented
Compensations	ADA				7,526,705.00	Salaries paid to the workers	GOG	Salaries paid to deserving staff
Recurrent Expenditure	ADA				545,000.00		GOG	Activities under this designation carried out

Goal:									
Policy Objective: Improve internal security for protection of life and property									
	Location	Time frame (quarter) 201				Indicative Budget	Indicator	Funding source	Status of implementation
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th				
Support communities to resolve land disputes especially resettlement lands	Selected communities					5,000.00	Number of disputes resolved	IGF	Unimplemented
Provide accommodation and logistical support for the security services	District wide					45000.	Logistics procured	GOG	Construction of Police station at Asikuma 60% complete. Police also assistant with other logistics
Policy Objective: Expand and sustain opportunities for effective citizen's engagement									
Form 6 women groups in Area Councils to advocate gender equity	District wide					4,000	No. of Women's groups formed	IGF	2 exclusively female groups and other gender mixed groups advocated on gender and governance issues
Organize workshops for women's groups on governance issues	District wide					12,000	No. of women reached	GOG	
Support community initiated projects	District wide					1,611,145.00	Number of communities supported	GOG	Community initiated projects supported at Adomi, Mangoase, Boso

CHAPTER TWO
2.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES REPORT

2.1 Status of Physical Projects+

2.1.1 Common Fund Projects

TABLE 2.1: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY'S COMMON FUND (DACF) PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	COMMENCEMENT DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PRESENT STATUS	INITIAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (GH₵)	AMOUNT DISBURSED TO DATE (GH₵)	OUTSTANDING Payment (GH₵)	% OF WORK DONE SO FAR	Remarks
Construction of multi-Shopping center	Atimpoku	Kete-mokose Ent P.o. Box 12 Adukrom-Akwapim	25 th Aug ,2006	25 th July,2008	On-going	759,584.86	274,312.92		90%	Ground floor rooms completed with metal gates fixed and painted. No progress of work since Dec.2011
Construction of 36-unit yam market stalls	Senchi	AAMS-Enersto Agencies p.o. box 127,Akwatia	25 th Aug,2006	25 April,2007	On-going	179,293.96	95,500.00		98%	ONGOING
Construction of 2no detached 3bedroom staff bungalows	Afabeng	Regido Const. Works p.o. box 6062, Accra- North	31 st May,2008	28 th Dec.2008	On-going	146,537.45	120,276.45		100%	Completed
Drilling and Construction of 5No. Borehole	Mpamproase, Osiabura, Abomayaw, Mpakadan and District Admin. Atimpoku	Jil and jic limited p.o.box DS19290 Accra	5 th Jan.2012	5 th Mar.2012	On-going	69,000.00	50,350.00		70%	ONGOING
Construction of 1no. Bedroom 6-unit semi-detached teacher quarters	Kudikope	Elorm Limited p.o. box 30,Akrade	20 th Dec.,2010	19 th Nov.2011	On-going	174,625.64	141,969.60		81%	ONGOING

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	COMMENCEMENT DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PRESENT STATUS	INITIAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (GH₵)	AMOUNT DISBURSED TO DATE (GH₵)	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE CONTRACTOR (GH₵)	% OF WORK DONE SO FAR	Remarks
Construction of Metal Workshop	Boso Sectech	Logman limited P.o. box 211,Akosombo	25 th Oct. 2006	25 th mar,2007	Completed	72,571.4 9	47,000.00		100%	Completed and handed over in Nov .2011. The contractor has corrected the defects.
Construction of community clinic	Atimpoku	Wokas Enterprise p.o.box 630, Ho Direct Labour under supervision of Works Dept.	16 th April,2010	15 th March,2011	On-going	164,316.92 98,746.20 <i>90,000.00</i>	83,454.65 50,000.00 <i>43, 072.00</i>	48,746.20 <i>46,928.00</i>	95%	ONGOING
Construction of Ino. 3-unit classroom block with office ,store & staff c'mon room	South Senchi	Dzialet Co. Ltd p.o. box 538, Ho	16 th April, 2010	15 th March,2010	Completed	75,793.62	50,593.39		100%	Completed and handed over by the contractor in august 2011. Retention is yet to be paid.
Construction of Ino. 6-unit classroom block with office ,store & staff c'mon room	Adjena SHS	Jenanyaa Ent. Ltd. P.o box ct 210, Accra	20 th Dec. 2010	19 th Nov.,2011	On going	224,129.50	<u>181,962.00</u>		97 %	ONGOING
Construction of Ino. 6-unit classroom block with office ,store & staff c'mon room	Abume	Jenanyaa Ent. Ltd. P.o Box ct 210, Accra	20 th Dec. 2010		On going	186,774.58	90,010.00		60%	ONGOING
Construction of CHPS Compound	Fintey	M/s Albenco Construction works limited P. O. Box 45, New Akrade	8-09-15	8-09-16	Ongoing	150,556.71	22,583.50		72%	ONGOING

Drilling And Construction Of 3no. Boreholes	Apeguso Quarters, Adjena And Gyakiti	M/s Gilbertons Limited P. O. Box 150 Abeka – Accra	12-10-15	12-12-15	Ongoing	27,450.00	10,000.00		100%	Drilling has completed
Rehabilitation of Toilet	Frankadua and Dzidzorkope	Direct Labour	12-11-15	12-12-15	Completed				100%	Completed
Drilling And Construction Of 2no. Boreholes	Adjena and kokono	M/s Gilbertons Limited P. O. Box 150 Abeka – Accra	12-4-15	12-7-15	Completed	20,000.00	20,000.00		100%	Completed
Construction of 3 Unit Classroom Block, Office, Store and Library	Sapor Yiti	M/s Regido Construction	16/05/16	16/12/16	Ongoing	150,350.20	58,070.73		85%	ONGOING
Construction of NO. Unit Classroom Block, Office Store and Library	16/05/16	16/12/16	Ongoing	271,603.56	87,905.56		80%	ONGOING	80%	ONGOING
Construction of 1No. 12 Seater Vault Chamber Toilet	Abumayaw	M/s Albenco Construction Work	16/05/16	16/12/16	Ongoing	95,430.00	14,314.50		50%	ONGOING
Construction of 1No. 16 Seater Vault Chamber Toilet	Mamakope	M/s Jenstico Enterprise	16/05/16	16/12/16	Ongoing	111,003.86	31,650.58		60%	ONGOING

2.1.2 District Development Fund Projects

Table 2.2 : District Development Fund (DDF) projects

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	COMMENCEMENT DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PRESENT STATUS	INITIAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (GH₵)	AMOUNT DISBURSED TO DATE (GH₵)	OUTSTANDING PAYMENT (GH₵)	% OF WORK DONE SO FAR	Remarks
Construction of 10-seater vault chamber toilet	Pupuni	M/s Jentsico Enterprise P. o. Box 257, Akosombo	05-03-2012	20-07-2012	On-going	45,014.75	22,138.70		100%	Completed and handed over in may, 2014.
Const./completion of male & female ward	Boso	M/s Albenco Construction works limited P. O. Box 45, New Akrade	20-11-2010	20-03-2011	On going	42,076.42 Contract Sum to be Revised due to change of design Variations	39,972.60		100%	.Contract sum to be revised for the contractor to continue work
Construction of 1no.6-unit classroom block with office ,store & staff c'mon room	Sedom	Mutma –Innna Investment P.O.Box GP 17325,Accra	14-04-2012	15-08-2012	On going	139,871.55	104,886.88		70%	ONGOING
Construction of Teachers quarters	Sedom	Mutma –Innna Investment P.O.Box GP 17325,Accra	05- 04-2012	05-07-2012	On-going	100,094.94	78,193.09		60%	ONGOING
Construction of 1no.6-unit classroom block with ancillary facilities	Anyaaase	Mutma –Innna Investment P.O.Box GP 17325,Accra	13-12-2012	13-06-2013	On-going	223,506.10	122,617.72		50%	ONGOING
Construction of 1no.6-unit classroom block with ancillary facilities	Senchi	Jenanyaa Ent. Ltd. P.o box ct 210, Accra	13-12-2012	13-06-2013	On-going	210,099.40	31,514.91		15%	ONGOING
Construction of 10-seater vault chamber toilet	Apeguso	Zulka Global Ventures P.O.Box AT 1884 Achimota	13-12-2012	13- 03- 2013	On-going	45,006.00	24,702.80		100%	Completed and handed over.

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	COMMENCEMENT DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PRESENT STATUS	INITIAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (GH¢)	AMOUNT DISBURSED TO DATE (GH¢)	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE CONTRACTOR (GH¢)	% OF WORK DONE SO FAR	Remarks
Construction of 10-seater vault chamber toilet	Dodi-Asantekrom	M/s Albenco Construction works limited P. O. Box 45, New Akra	13-12-2012	13-03-2013	On going	48,328.58	24,733.57		100%	Completed and yet to be handed over.
Rehabilitation of 16-seater aqua privy toilet	Kwanyarko	Jobans Const. & Gen. Serv. P.O. Box 160 Koforidua	13-12-2012	13-02-2013	completed	30,600.92			100%	Completed in Dec.2012. contractor yet to hand over the project.
Drilling and Construction of 2No. Borehole	Dansokrom-Asikuma & Labolabo	Jil and Jic limited p.o.box DS19290 Accra	13-12-2012	13-03-2013	Ongoing	30,000.00	4,500.00		5%	Hydro geological investigation & site selection done .drilling is yet start.
Construction of 2-Unit classroom KG	Pupuni	M/s Jentsico Enterprise P. o. Box 257, Akosombo	30-08-14	20-02-15	completed	46,000.00	41,400.00		100%	Fully completed and handed over
Construction of CHPS Compound	Surveyline	M/s Albenco Construction works limited P. O. Box 45, New Akra	30-08-14	20-02-15	Completed	130,286.00	123,771.7		98%	Work is completed yet to be handed over
Completion of District Magistrate Court	Senchi	Ditrac Limited	8-09-15	8-03-16	Almost completed	260,718.30	234,646.47		100%	Completed
Construction of 1 No. Police Station at	Asikuma	Albenco Construction Company	16/05/2016	16/12/16	Ongoing	200,994.48	30,149.17		70%	ONGOING
Construction of 4 NO. Consulting Rooms and OPD Hall at Apeguso Hospital	Apeguso	Ditract Limited	16/05/2016	16/12/16	Ongoing	364235.86	54,645.31		100%	ONGOING
Drilling and construction of 3no. Boreholes	Asukwao, Pupuni, Tortibo	M/S Universal Borehole Services	12/12/2015	17/01/2016	Completed	25,000.00	23,750.00		100%	Completed

2.2. NON-PHYSICAL PROJECTS (DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

2.2.1 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Table 2.3: Home and Farm Visits

Quarter	No. of Visits	Achievement
1 st	1,075	AEAs and Supervisors were in constant touch with agricultural stakeholders to disseminate appropriate information and technologies as well as collect valuable data for planning, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural activities. However, such visits were limited by lack of means of transport for staff.
2nd	597	
3rd	540	
4th	460	
Total Visits	2,672	

Table 2.4: Technologies Demonstrated

Technologies Demonstrated	Number of beneficiaries in attendance at demonstrations			
	Males	Females	Total	% Fem.
Crop				
Correct use of agro-chemicals	696	316	1,012	31.23%
Row Planting for optimum production	483	257	740	34.73%
Seed/planting material production and multiplication techniques	376	122	498	24.50%
Pest/Disease recognition, prevention and control	865	510	1,375	37.09%
Post-harvest of food grains/ legumes and storage	675	412	1,087	37.90%
Introduction of improved crop varieties	451	191	642	29.75%
Yam miniset	20	10	30	33.33%
Vegetable production	454	184	638	28.84%
Plantain sucker multiplication	81	127	208	61.06%
Horticultural crop production (nursery practices and disease control)	129	58	187	31.02%
Improved processing technique	4	4	8	50.00%
Subtotal	4,234	2,191	6,425	34.10%
Livestock				
Animal nutrition (feeding)	359	164	523	31.36%
Rabbit & grasscutter production and processing	32	12	44	27.27%
Improve housing for animals	395	174	569	30.58%
Pig production and management	187	65	252	25.79%
Breed improvement techniques	32	17	49	34.69%
Pasture development	11	2	13	15.38%
Pest/disease recognition and prevention	111	59	170	34.71%
I2 Vaccine usage	88	94	182	51.65%
Soil fertility improvement techniques/ management	175	84	259	32.43%
Fodder production	4	0	4	0.00%
Improved processing technique	90	138	228	60.53%
Subtotal	1,484	809	2,293	35.28%

Others	Males	Females	Total	% Fem.
Improved irrigation technology	15	5	20	25.00%
Subtotal	15	5	20	25.00%
	Males	Females	Total	% Fem.
Subtotal (Crops)	4,234	2,191	6,425	34.10%
Subtotal (Livestock)	1,484	809	2,293	35.28%
Subtotal (Others)	15	5	20	25.00%
Total (All Sectors)	5,733	3,005	8,738	34.40%

- ✓ **Achievement:** 60% of farmers have adopted improved technologies to enhance production of crops and animals. This is also likely to translate into increased farm incomes.

➤ **MAASI USAID/Rite 90.1 FM Farmers' Fora**

Two farmers' fora were held through financial support from the MAASI (Mobilising Action Towards Agricultural Sector Improvement Project). MAASI is a USAID-sponsored project under the Feed the Future (FtF) initiative, and is being coordinated by the Rite 90.1 FM. A total of 11 FBOs and 99 Farmers were in attendance.

- Apart from the MAASI/USAID programmes, the department organised one farmers' forum at Akwamufie on 6th October, 2016. Total farmer attendance was 31.

➤ **Training in home and farm resource management**

552 farmers made up of 225 male and 297 females underwent training in home and farm resource management. At least 60% of participants are now able to effectively manage their home and farm resources to reduce household expenditure and to attain food security

➤ **Control of the Fall Army Worm and African Army Worm outbreaks**

Maize farmers in the district experienced attacks by the Fall Army Worm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) and the African Army Worm (*Spodoptera exempta*) on their farms. While the outbreak of the former occurred in both the major and minor seasons, the outbreak of the latter happened in the minor season.

It took the efforts of staff of the department, farmers' own efforts and the timely arrival of the rains to bring the outbreaks under control. The District Assembly provided 150 sachets of pesticides for distribution to farmers to control the *Spodoptera frugiperda*. However, this was woefully inadequate to cover majority of the affected farms. Table 5 provides information from the operational areas affected, as well as the estimated cropped areas of maize farms attacked by *Spodoptera frugiperda* in the minor season.

Table 2.5: Estimated cropped areas of maize farms attacked by the Fall Army Worm

Operational Area	Acreages	Hectares	Severity of Attack
Asikuma	18	7.2	Very severe
Gyakiti	25	10.0	Very severe

Yeniama	14	5.6	Very severe
Atimpoku	26	10.4	Very severe
Apeguso	13	5.2	Very severe
Adjena	20	8.0	Very severe
Anum-Boso	27	10.8	Very severe
Frankadua	36	14.4	Very severe
Sapor	87	34.8	Very severe
Total	266	106.4	

➤ **Plant Clinics**

In order to empower farmers to reduce disease incidence in vegetables and thereby increase production, two plant clinics were held by the department at Yeniama and Gyakiti. 73 male and 30 female farmers benefitted.

➤ **Staff Training in Okro production**

Skills of 24 staff made up of 21 male and 3 female have been updated to be able to effectively identify and control major pests and diseases of okro.

➤ **4-H Gyakiti Irrigation Farming Group**

An FBO has been successfully formed and has been animated to become equipped to undertake irrigation farming. It was partially funded by 4-H, an NGO. The group is now undertaking a 5-acre tomato farm. 15 males and 5 females make up the group

➤ **The e-Agriculture Programme**

The e-Agriculture Programme is being implemented by the department. Under the programme, AEAs with the help of smartphones, capture essential data of all categories of farmers and transmit same to a central database. The limitation, however, is that for now the district has no access to the data captured by their staff under the programme.

➤ **The 32nd National Farmers' Day Celebration**

The 32nd National Farmers' Day celebration was held in the Asuogyaman district at Apeguso. In all, twenty (20) farmers and fishers were awarded in various categories.

2.2.2 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Child Rights Promotion and Protection

Casework with families

Forty-four cases were recorded during the year under review of which thirty-three (33) were Maintenance, Paternity one (1), Custody one (1), Family Welfare nine (9). 43 of the cases were successfully handled and 1 referred to court.

➤ Maintenance

The Department received maintenance on behalf of clients and disbursed them accordingly. A total of Nine thousand three hundred and sixty Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 9,360) was received and has all been disbursed to beneficiaries.

➤ Supervision of Day Care Centres

The Department visited sixteen (16) Day care centres to supervise and monitor their activities in the District during the year.

DISABILITY FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DFMC)

The committee sat on two occasions thus 3rd February, 2016 and 7th July 2016 in the year under review. Forty-six thousand seven hundred and eighty seven Ghana cedis (GH¢ 46,787.00) were disbursed to One Hundred And Forty Four (144) applicants whose applications were vetted and approved by the committee.

Below is a table depicting number of applications vetted and approved and amount disbursed

Table 2.6: Beneficiaries of Disability fund

Type of Disability		Education		Health		Business		Organization Development	
		No	Amount GHC	No	Amount GHC	No	Amount GHC	No	Amount GHC
Physically Challenged	Male	3	1027.00	4	1800.00	38	12,150.00	8	1,400.00
	Female	3	1700.00	2	1800.00	31	10,300	0	0
Blind	Male	5	2700.00	6	2050.00	7	3,600.00	0	0
	Female	1	500.00	2	700.00	1	250.00	0	0
Deaf	Male	9	2400.00	1	800.00	2	700.00	2	1,010.00

/Dumb	Female	7	1400.00	0	0	2	500.00	0	0
Mentally Challenged	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	Male	17	6,127.00	11	4,650.00	47	16,450.00	10	2,410.00
	Female	11	3600.00	4	2,500.00	34	11,050.00	0	0
		28	9,727	15	7,150.00	81	27,500.00	10	2,410.00
GRAND TOTAL			46,787.00						

➤ **Re-Habitation of Persons with Disability**

During the Year under review, Benedicta Kafui aka Lydia Agyekum a mentally ill patient who was referred by VRA was sent to Pantang Psychiatric Hospital for treatment and has been reunited with the mother by name Abena Agyeiwaa in Asankare, Ashanti Region.

➤ **Hospital welfare**

An amount of Thirty two thousand four hundred and twenty-two Ghana cedis, Ninety-nine pesewas (GH¢32,422.97) was recovered from clients who were unable to make full payment at the VRA hospital for treatment during the year under review.

➤ **Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty (LEAP)**

There were Six (6) payments during the year under review a total amount of GH¢ 151,956.00 were received and GH¢119,561.00 were disbursed to beneficiaries. An amount of GH¢ 12,310.00 were not paid and returned to chest.

➤ **Electronic Enrolment**

The Department together with Opportunity International Savings and Loans successfully enrolled LEAP beneficiaries onto the electronic platform and issued them with the E-zwich card which is now the means for payment to the beneficiaries. The exercise started from 11th April and ended on 26th April, 2016.

➤ **NHIS Registration**

The Department was able to renew one hundred and eighty seven (187) and register fifty six (56) LEAP beneficiaries unto the NHIS during the year under review.

➤ **Working with NGO/CBO**

- The Department being a child advocate institution was invited by the Salvation Army Child Development Centre, a Christian base organization at Boso and Child Development Centre - Labolabo Centre to address parents on Child Protection. The program was organized on 19th September, 2016. 379 participants were in attendance, 75 of the people in attendance were male and 304 were females.
- The Department in collaboration with The Hunger Project – Ghana, held a sensitization program on ‘Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy’ for student at Sapor Primary JHS and community members at the school compound. The Program was held on the 8th March, 2016 to mark International Day for Women.
- Pinnacle Health Foundation organized a sensitization program for Adjena and its surrounding communities on Malaria Control at Adjena Epic Centre on 28th November, 2016. Staffs from the Department were in attendance.
- Zizikarl Foundation, Socio-Serve Ghana, Asuogyaman Centre for Community Development and Act 2 Collective Foundation was visited and their activities supervised during the year.
- Socio – Serve and Pinnacle Health foundation were at the office to renew their certificate for 2016/2017

➤ **Court Work**

The juvenile court/family tribunal sat on all sitting days to mediate during the period under review. A total of sixty-nine new cases (69) were recorded, out of which sixty-three (63) was disposed of.

➤ **Adult Literacy**

Staff in collaboration with staff of the **Non-Formal Education Unit** organized three (3) Adult literacy classes at Abume, Ankyease and Ghanakpe communities.

Total membership is Seventy-nine (79) which is made up of Twenty-eight (28) males and Fifty one (51) females.

➤ **Women’s empowerment programme/women’s work**

Eight (8) groups met on forty-eight (48) occasions during the year under review on different relevant topics.

Membership is two hundred and ten (210). Relevant topics such as HIV/AIDS sensitization, the Role of Women in Development, Book Keeping, Balance Diet, Home Management, Importance of Girl Child Education, Conflict Resolution and Violence Free Election.

➤ **Business Registration, Counseling and Follow up Service**

Fifty (50) new micro and small scale enterprise were registered in the year. Business counselling service was provided for fifty-five (55) micro and small scale enterprises.

➤ **Water and Sanitation**

The District water and sanitation team, made up of a staff of the Department and other staff of the District Assembly collaborated with an NGO called **Safe Water Network** undertook series of sensitization exercise in three target communities ie. Fintey, Frankadua and Old Akrade All the three target communities were able to form their water board. The water facilities in the three community are all complete.

➤ **Community Initiated Projects/Communal Labour**

Staff in collaboration with the Assembly men, Unit committee members and community members from four communities ie Ankyease, Abume, Atimpoku and Ghanakpe, Organised communal labour in their various communities to weed the surroundings, clears their refuse dumps and gutters etc. In all 202 community members participated in the exercise.

2.2.3 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING

➤ **Education**

Four (4) meetings were held at Akwamufie, Senchi, Anum and Gyakiti to educate stakeholders on planning regulations

➤ **Preparation of planning schemes**

Four (4) planning schemes have been completed at Asikuma, and Anum while two are ongoing

➤ **Updating of existing layouts**

Efforts are underway to update existing layouts at Ankyease, Mangoase, and Anum but with challenges of funding and unavailability of data

➤ **Implementation of street naming and property addressing**

Coalition of street names for Asikuma, Anum, Boso completed but signage plate not procured owing to funding constraints

➤ **Preparations of site plans for Asuogyaman district assembly**

A number of site plans were prepared for facilities such as District Market at Senchi, Site for Community Day Secondary School at Asikuma, Akwamu West J.H.S Mangoase, Asempanaye Primary School and Site for Apeguso Water Project, Old Akrade Water project, Site plan Agyena Dorno Community Centre and Site for District Court at Senchi. The others are District Clinic at Atimpoku and Site plan for New Akrade CHPS compound.

2.2.4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

➤ **Inter-Regional Girls' Education Unit Exchange Programme:**

Ashaiman Municipal Girls' Education Unit visited Asuogyaman to share best practices and sensitize girls on the causes and effects of teenage pregnancy as well as possible solutions.

➤ Basic Schools' District "U-13" Boys and Girls Sports Festival organized to raise a formidable team for the Zonal Festival. Disciplines competed in included Soccer, Netball, Volleyball and Track Events.

➤ Circuit-Based capacity building workshops organized to sharpen the requisite skills and knowledge of Heads and Teachers in handling Staff Performance Appraisals and School-Based Assessment.

➤ Organization of District Science and mathematics Quiz to ensure teachers cover the syllabuses as expected and also demystify the conceptions around those core subject areas, as students gain confidence and develop interest in them.

➤ The West African Senior Schools Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) and Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) were written by Final Year Students of all Senior High and Basic Schools in the District, respectively.

Total No. of BECE Candidates was 1,653 while total No. of WASSCE Candidates was 2,095.

- Reading Skills Test for KG2 and Basic 1-6 pupils to assess pronunciation, intonation and fluency. In all, twelve thousand and fifty-three (12,053) pupils participated.
- Two hundred and thirty-four (234) laptop computers received through Regional Office as allocated. Vital software installed for appropriate adaptation to school teaching and learning processes and protection against malicious programmes and misuse.
- District Director of Education exercised Oversight Responsibility over the Administrations of Apeguso Senior High School, Boso Senior High Technical School and Akwamuman Senior High School.

2.2.5 GHANA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

- **Training and recruitment**
 - Twenty-six (26) youth in the district were recruited as Community Police Assistant.
 - Seven (7) youth in the district were recruited as Prison service assistant.
 - Nine (9) youth in the district were recruited as fire service assistant.
 - 4. Eighty-two (82) youth in the district were trained as community health worker.
 - 5. Ninety-five (95) youth in the district were trained as community education teaching assistant.
 - 6. Twenty-six (26) youth in the district were recruited as environmental protection officer.
 - 7. Five (5) youth in the district were trained as Arabic teaching.
 - 8. Two (2) youth in the district were trained as e- health.
 - 9. Thirty (30) youth in the district were trained as costal sanitation

2.2.6 RURAL ENTERPRISES PROJECT

- Follow up and counselling: 45 clients made up of 41 females and 4 males were counselled.
- Access to Market: Six clients participated in the 2016 Clients Exhibition and Trade Show at West Hills Mall, Accra from 3rd to 9th October, 2016.

➤ **Collaborating Agencies**

- **Compassion International Ghana** is playing a major role in collaborating with BAC in its activities in providing services to the clients. They have been paying the commitment fees for vulnerable women groups to benefit from employable skills training in grasscutter rearing, baking and flour confectionery, soap making etc. They have supported and trained participants 173 participants made up of 36 males and 138 females with start up equipment, the construction of piggery house and others

● **Volta Link**

During the quarter under review, BAC embarked on a number of monitoring visits with Volta Link, an NGO under the patronage of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana who benefited from funding from the Rural Enterprises Programme to organise six (6) training programmes for their church members. The Volta Region extends to include the Asuogyaman District of the Eastern Region, Lome of Togo, and all parts of the Volta Region except North, Central and South Tongu Districts.

➤ **Success stories/lessons learnt/innovations**

- It is heart-warming that the two main rural banks in the Asuogyaman District, namely: Anum Rural Bank and Asuogyaman Rural Bank, have now agreed to fully participate in REP's credit delivery in both MGF and REDF Loan facilities. It took BAC several attempts to persuade and to explain the need for the banks to support local entrepreneurs to grow and expand their businesses in the district. Anum Rural Bank has been accredited by Bank of Ghana to participate in REP's credit facility. Asuogyaman Rural Bank has already benefited from Matching Grant Fund for its clients. The bank has so far disbursed an amount of GHc 381,000.00 to its beneficiary clients
- The fourth batch of 8 Graduate Youth Unemployed in the district gained admission at Asuansi Farm Institute to pursue courses in agriculture related programmes. The programmes included: mushroom cultivation, Grass cutter and rabbit, Sheep and Goat. The course has equipped the 17 beneficiary youth with employable skills to start their own businesses. Some beneficiaries have established and are operating small businesses of their own

2.2.7 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNIT

- The Environmental Health Unit and Zoomlion Limited carried out communal labour in about 36 communities in the district and twelve (12) National Sanitation Day Celebrations were organized.
- Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Five (3,905) food handlers were medically screened and given certificates.
- Two (2) new public toilets were commissioned at Kdikope and Sedom
- The Environmental Health Unit carried out educational programme from market to market in all the area councils on Iodate Salt promotion.
- Fifty-nine (59) household VIP latrines were contrasted in various communities.
- Dzidzokope Aqua Privy toilets were converted into Biogas Plant.
- Successful prosecution of four (4) property rate defaulters and one (1) sanitary case.

2.2.8 Department of Co-Operatives

Table 2.7: Community sensitization activities

ACTIVITY	PERFORMANCE	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	REMARKS /CHALLENGES
1	Number of communities sensitized in the period	12	8	Lack of funds
2	Number of groups seeking registration	4	Nil	Not ready for registration
3	Education/training sessions held	4	1	Lack of funds
4	Number of participants at education/training sessions	-	12	Lack of funds
5	Number of Co-ops visited during the period	12	21	Lack of funds
6	Number of AGMs held in the period	-	2	
7	number of Co-ops audited	12	2	
8	Number of stake-holders meeting attended	4	8	
9	Non-tax revenue collected in the period		90.00	

2.3 UPDATE ON FUNDING AND DISBURSEMENT

2.3.1 Funding Sources

The table below presents an interesting picture of a three-year trend of the Assembly's financial situation.

DACF

A look at the DACF indicates a sharp increase of transfer from Central Government from **Gh¢667,461.10** in 2014 to **Gh¢1,672,441.49** in 2015. 2016 however saw just a slight increase over the 2015 figure. It must be noted that the DACF figures, as indicated below the table include the MPs Common Fund, the Disability Fund and apart from 2014, the HIV&AIDS Fund.

GOG TRANSFERS

This funding source constitutes salaries/emoluments to staff as well as transfers to the various departments. Strikingly, the transfer to the departments reduced sharply from **Gh¢147,888.71** in 2014 to **Gh¢916.34** in 2015 before it saw a slight rise to **Gh¢11,391.00** on which the departments were expected to survive in 2016.

IGF

Perhaps this is the most important aspect of the Assembly's finances since it has total control over its mobilization and management. Unfortunately the IGF has seen a consistent decline from 2014 to 2016. The need to map out innovative strategies to improve on the Assembly's lot as far as IGF is concerned, becomes even more imperative.

Table 2.8: Funding by Sources (Gh¢)

	2014	2015	2016
DACF*	667,461.10	1,672,441.49	1,934,552.54
IGF	652,194.10	575,533.63	537,765.64
DDF	597,416.32	330,202.00	558,403.00
GOG** TRANSFER	1,112,597.34	1,581,025.94	1,757,666.52
SCHOOL FEEDING	360,059.00	167,977.50	-
DONOR GRANTS	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	3,389,727.86	4,327,180.56	4,788,387.70

*DACF:	2014	2015	2016
DACF-	547,075.11	1,370,327.62	1,521,935.14
MP-	103,256.67	252,487.72	313,351.15
PWD-	17,129.32	40,687.42	88,263.15
HIV/AIDS	-	8,938.73	11,003.10

**GOG TRANSFER:			
SALARIES	964,708.63	1,580,109.60	1,746,275.52
DEP'T TRANSFERS	147,888.71	916.34	11,391.00
COMMENTS ON:			

- a) **RELEASE OF FUNDS:** Releases from Central Government were generally high as compared to the previous years. However some areas such as the transfers to the departments faced tremendous challenges.
- b) **EFFORTS TO GENERATE FUNDS:** The Assembly has formed revenue taskforce to enhance the mobilization of revenue in the district. However a lot more of innovation and supervision needs to be employed to reach an appreciable feat in terms of IGF mobilization.
- c) **OTHER CHALLENGES WITH REGARDS TO GENERATING FUNDS:** The major problem of the Assembly in terms of revenue generation has always got to do with the less commercialization of the district and the inadequate data on business activities and well as properties.

2.3.2 Update on Disbursement

Table 2.9: Update on disbursement

	2014	2015	2016
COMPENSATION*	1,076,198.75	1,672,355.30	1,843,620.60
GOODS AND SERVICES	1,131,993.73	1,288,012.59	1,455,168.60
ASSETS	1,321,589.23	1,002,254.23	1,927,042.45
MISCELLANEOUS			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,529,781.71	3,962,622.12	5,225,831.65

*COMPENSATION:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
ESTABLISHED STAFF	964,708.63	1,580,109.60	1,746,275.52
NON-ESTABLISHED	111,490.12	92,245.70	97,345.08

Comparing the revenue and expenditure figures would superficially paint a picture of an Assembly that spends within its means. That might however be erroneous since, in practice, the Assembly would normally have a number of unsettled commitments in terms of debts owed contractors and service providers. It should however be said that such the Assembly duly incorporates such liabilities in its budget in succeeding years.

Comments on:

- a) **ADEQUACY OF FUNDS:** Looking at the numerous needs of the citizen's funds available to the Assembly are almost always inadequate.

- b) UTILISATION OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET: All expenditures by the Assembly were in accordance with the budget.
- c) OTHER CHALLENGES WITH REGARDS TO DISBURSEMENT: The Assembly has put in place measures to ensure that all expenditures are acquitted within the appropriate time frame. That situation was a concern in the past.

2.10 UPDATE ON CORE DISTRICT INDICATORS (Categorized by GSGDA Thematic Areas

	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT	2016 TARGET	2014 INDICATOR LEVEL (actual)	2015 INDICATOR LEVEL (actual)	2016 INDICATOR LEVEL (actual)
	Gross Enrolment Rate				
	KG	111.50%	113.50%	105.00%	110.20%
	PRIMARY	104%	94.3%	93.9%	92.0%
	JHS	87%	67.8%	74.4%	71.1%
	SHS	106%	87.7%	93.2%	106.1%
	Net Admission Rate (Primary)	81.1%	64.6%	71.3%	81.1%
	Gender Parity Index				
	KG	1.02	0.98	0.98	1.02
	Primary	1.03	0.97	0.99	1.03
	JHS	0.95	0.99	0.90	0.95

CHAPTER THREE

THE WAY FORWARD

3.1 Key Issues Addressed

- Sensitization of staff on Local Government Service Protocols
- Commitment to staff appraisal system and progression
- General attendance and punctuality

3.2 Key Issues Yet to be addressed

Some of the key issues which are yet to be addressed include the following;

- Strengthening of sub-district structures
- Ceding of collection of some revenue items to the Area Councils has still not seen much progress
- Building of a comprehensive up-to-date revenue database
- Valuation of properties
- Inadequate logistics for planning, monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Poor collaboration between the Assembly and some departments.
- Effective implementation of Local Economic Development (LED)

CONCLUSION:

On the whole, 2016 was a relatively successful year. This was in spite of the fact that great attention was given to electioneering matters for a significant part of the year. It could perhaps have also proven to be a positive development as there was pressure on leadership to achieve their targets.